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Getting grounded

Irondale resident Marja Tuomi slowly executes tai chi movements at the open house for the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi on Monday, Jan. 16 at the Galway Community Hall in Kinmount. Tuomi has been a member for more than a year. Tai chi is offered in Haliburton County by this group in Carnarvon, Wilberforce, Haliburton, Kinmount and Minden. More on page 5. /DARREN LUM Staff

Dorset bridge to get overhaul in spring

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 11 meeting of the Haliburton County roads advisory committee.

Anyone travelling through Dorset this spring can expect to

take a detour.

During a Jan. 11 Haliburton County roads committee meeting, councillors gave roads director Craig Douglas pre-budget approval for work on Dorset's Main Street bridge.

"2017 is the year it needs to be rehabilitated," Douglas told councillors. "It's a one-lane bridge, so

to rehabilitate, we have to close it."

Residents will need to use the Highway 35 bridge during the construction period, which, it's hoped, will begin in early spring and be complete by the end of June, leaving the bridge open for the peak summer season of July and August.

Dorset sits partly in Haliburton County, in Algonquin Highlands

township, and partly in the District of Muskoka, in Lake of Bays township. The project is a joint one between the county and Muskoka, with each municipality contributing \$500,000.

Of Haliburton County's portion, \$375,000 will come from reserves.

Rehab work was last done on the

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Cultural centre escapes budget knife

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It looks like the Minden Hills Cultural Centre – which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place interpretive centre – will not face the kind of budget cuts in 2017 it did in 2016.

Last year, council ordered that \$50,000 be cut from the centre's budget, dropping it from \$340,000 to \$290,000.

While at the time Reeve Brent Devolin said he'd like to see another \$50,000 reduction in the facility's budget in 2017, the second draft of Minden Hills' budget for the year shows that won't be the case.

"As we all know, the cultural centre took a big hit last year," said Councillor Jean Neville during a Jan. 12 budget meeting, adding that further cuts would have repercussions on staffing and programming. "We don't want to doom the cultural centre by chipping away at it."

In the second draft of the township budget, the budget for the cultural centre was approximately \$310,000.

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Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander Richard Riopelle speaks about community mobilization at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Chamber Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Molly's Bistro in Minden. Riopelle, who started work in the county in the summer, said the police want to include all stakeholders in the community to help with resolving issues.

DARREN LUM Staff

Top cop wants stakeholders' help

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

We're in this together and need each other to resolve challenges facing the community, said Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander Richard Riopelle.

Riopelle spoke about the importance of implementing the OPP's community mobilization strategy to a room of close to 30 people at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Molly's Bistro in Minden.

He said his approach is fundamentally about bringing all of the stakeholders to the table to share information, expertise and resources to address problems and execute plans of action.

"We really want to build strong relationships with [the

community] and then having ongoing situation tables for the various stakeholders to ensure that we're addressing issues and being predictive in our analysis of what's going to happen," he said.

Community mobilization is a strategy that combines four aspects: enforcement and crime suppression; community engagement and liaison; community mobilization and crime prevention; and community safety and consultation.

Riopelle took over from the previous detachment commander Chad Bark on Canada Day. Bark had been the commander since 2013.

Riopelle said including groups with specific expertise is a method to directly address a problem before the police have to be called. As a result of a partnership between the OPP and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, for example, the mental health crisis response unit can connect people in need of help to the right agencies.

"If we don't tap into those resources and provide those supports through the proper agency then we end up with a situation where over and over and over we're going to that call for that service because a person is in crisis, but they're not getting the support they need," Riopelle said.

Although receiving help from the crisis unit is voluntary, he said, more times than not it still serves a need.

This methodology can be applied with other groups and organizations.

"The overall intent of it is we work with the appropriate stakeholders," he said.

This includes the input from health care and social agencies.

Riopelle said property crimes affect the entire area under the detachment's jurisdiction. More than 50 per cent of thefts involve unsecured property. Education can reduce this rate.

Executing the strategy is just in the infancy stages, he said, but he has already reached out to cottage associations to inform residents.

Many people are vulnerable to theft without realizing it, he said. Through the cottage associations he has asked them to educate their members about not just securing their residences for long absences, but also other buildings and other items attractive to thieves such as boats or motorized vehicles.

"If we can educate people better at securing your property and securing your vehicles, that's going to help deter the crime ... people move on to other things if it is too difficult," Riopelle said.

One initiative of the police was the Lock It Or Lose It campaign, which was a public awareness campaign reminding people to lock their vehicle doors. This also applies to residences.

Miner's Bay Lodge owner Russ Wunker stood up near the end of the breakfast and shared an anecdote. Wunker said after repeated visits from a man, who asked to purchase his property for a few million dollars, he became concerned about the man's mental health. Once he notified the detachment about him they informed him this man had a history of mental illness challenges. He said this was an instance where calling the police was helpful, as it provided him an insight into this person's mental state.

Chamber president Jerry Walker offered the support of the more than 200 members to this effort.

Riopelle said to understand the trends there must be a public willingness to contact police, as data must be gathered to analyze. This is at the heart of any attempt to reduce crimes and provides people facing mental health issues the help rather than dealing with the symptoms.

Without knowing the trends, the police will not have an understanding of specific issues to tackle, Riopelle said.

"The reality is we have to take ownership of the trends in our community," he said. "The best way to do that is [form] a group of all the stakeholders and try to deter these types of crimes."

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Increased OPP costs passed on to taxpayers

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“We’ve seen, since the first round, a bit of a creep, here,” Devolin said, encouraging all department heads to continue to trim their budgets where they could.

Two years ago, the museum’s former curator was laid off in a restructuring at the cultural centre. In late 2016, a curatorial assistant was hired.

On the whole, the second round of the township’s draft budget represents a six per cent increase from the 2016 tax levy, up to \$7.4 million from the \$6.9 million the township levied in taxation last year.

Of that six per cent increase, 1.5 per cent is for the township’s increasing OPP bill, which will rise by \$104,000 to a total of \$1.95 million in 2017.

This year is the third year of a five-year phase-in of a new OPP billing formula that redistributes total OPP costs throughout the province on a per household basis. Since seasonal residences count as households, cottage country communities are being hit hard by the formula, with the collective OPP bill for Haliburton County’s four townships doubling from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million during the five-year period.

OPP officers received a 2.65 per cent wage increase for 2015 and 1.95 per cent wage increase for 2016. Under an arbitrated wage settlement with the Ontario Provincial Police Association, officers will receive a 1.9 per cent increase for 2017 and a 1.75 per cent increase for 2018.

Because those cost increases are out of municipal control, Minden Hills council and the councils of Haliburton County’s other lower-tier townships typically opt to pass those costs directly to taxpayers.

The remaining 4.5 per cent levy increase is for the Minden Hills municipal portion.

The draft budget for the clerk’s department totals \$540,000; the chief building official’s department \$240,000; community services department (which includes the operation of the cultural centre and arena) \$1.2 million; the fire department \$470,000; and property and environmental operations \$700,000.

The draft roads budget for 2017 is \$3.4 million and during last week’s meeting, councillors decided to proceed with three bridge projects totalling more than \$500,000, with funds slated to come from reserves.

Replacement and repair work will take place on both bridges on Ritchie Falls Road and the Soyers Lake Bridge, all of which have been outfitted with tonnage restriction signage due to their condition.

Councillors will discuss further revisions to the 2017 draft budget at a subsequent meeting.

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We’ve seen, since the first round, a bit of a creep here.

— BRENT DEVOLIN

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Conditions may warrant hiring roads contractors: Devolin

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bridge in 2003.

The tender for the work was issued Jan. 11, with the deadline for bids Jan. 26.

Aggressive start to winter

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that the condition of some county roads has been poor during the first month of what appears will be a snowy winter.

Roads director Craig Douglas responded there have been instances of equipment being down and staff burnout.

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin said the county needed to do what was required to ensure roadways are safe.

“We can increase the [salt and sand] application rate,” Devolin said. “I know it’s dollars, but it’s people’s safety.”

In cases of extreme weather, Devolin added he’s fine with hiring external contractors to assist the county roads department.

It’s going to be a hard winter and we’re going to have to deal with it,” said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

“It’s going to be costly,” said Fearrey, who recommended that during milder periods, the county should have graders out, scraping away icy ridges.

Works yard repairs

The roads director is recommending an expenditure of approximately \$103,000 in the 2017 budget for a series of repairs to facilities at county works yards.

These include repairs to the kitchens and washrooms at the Ingoldsby and Highland Grove yards, an emergency power generator in Ingoldsby, alarm systems for the building’s at the three county works yards, and the replacement of a large garage door in Eagle Lake.

“The Ingoldsby and Highland Grove washrooms and kitchens are old and run down,” a report read. “The kitchen layouts are poor and also serve as storage areas and, in the case of Highland Grove, it acts a change room with locker.”

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Jan 26th - COTW/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am,
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Jan 26 - Budget Standing Committee Meeting to follow Regular
Council meeting.

Feb 9th - COTW/ meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council
Chamber

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NOTICE – BUDGET STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Thursday, January 26, 2017, to review the 3rd Draft of the 2017 Budget. This meeting will follow the Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

For further information regarding the meeting please contact
Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or
dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

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Pursuant to By-Law 09-01, A By-Law to Regulate Parking, Overnight Parking on municipal roadways and parking lots, between the hours of midnight and 8:00 am, is prohibited from November 1st to April 30th of each year. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner’s expense.

RIVERWALK & WETLANDS BOARDWALK WINTER USAGE

The Boardwalk & Logger’s Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to “Exercise Caution” when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

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- 1) Ritchie Falls Road Bridge (A) – 5 tonnes max
- 2) Ritchie Falls Road Bridge (B) – 3 tonnes max
- 3) Soyers Lake Road Bridge – 10 tonnes max

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FIRE & ICE 2017

Under the winter stars and moon the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is presenting a fun-filled adult only event called FIRE & ICE. Tickets are \$25 per person. The evening offers top notch scotch and cognac tasting, craft beers and wine. Local restaurants will be onsite offering a selection of their Winter Specialties in either spicy or cool foods. Giant bonfire will warm all - join the dance party! FIRE & ICE happens Family Day Weekend, Sunday February 19 at 7pm to 10pm. Your ticket gives you admission, 2 tasting tickets and food. Games and prizes. Outdoor event dress in your warmest clothes, mukluks and red flannel. For tickets contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden. Must be 19 year and older.

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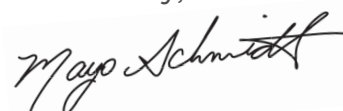
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Mayo Schmidt
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Breathe in, breathe out

Instructor Ann MacDonald leads a group in tai chi at the open house. Tai chi is offered in Haliburton County by Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi in Carnarvon, Wilberforce, Haliburton, Kinmount and Minden. Contact Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org. The schedule of classes is at taoist.org/peterborough. DARREN LUM Staff



Kinmount resident Jane Codlin works through tai chi movements.

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"HATS OFF, I said."

Decreasingly rural

THIS WEEKEND, members of the Haliburton County Fair board will get together for their annual general meeting.

Among the topics of conversation will be the future of the fair itself. With a need to replenish about half its membership with new (read *young*) blood, the board has questioned whether the Haliburton County Fair – 153 years old – has reached its best-before date.

The answer, sadly, is maybe and the reasons for that extend beyond the fair itself and have ramifications for other events and organizations as well.

But let's look at the fair first.

When the Haliburton County Fair was first held in the 1860s, the majority of Canadians were rural people, living in rural areas, doing rural things. They were farmers.

Many of the families in and around Haliburton County owned farms and the fair was an occasion not just to bring one's finest livestock and produce for competition, but also to socialize, to buy and trade equipment and animals and perhaps learn some new tricks of the trade.

It was an opportunity to "network," although it's unlikely many 19th century farmers used that term. With most of the country's population now urbanized, county fairs have become culturally irrelevant, an increasing number of them going the way of the horse and buggy.

The most successful of Ontario's remaining fairs are successful because of their midways, demolition derbies and stage shows,

not because of the quality of their cattle.

The rural way of life is dying out in this country, in this province and even within rural communities such as Haliburton County.

Look not just at the fair board attempting to rejuvenate its membership, but at curling clubs constantly trying to recruit new players, at hunters and trappers, spinners and weavers looking for youngsters to pass their skills on to.

Often there is no one to receive the proverbial baton. Young adults, 20- and 30-somethings, people my age, often don't participate in this stuff. They also don't join service clubs in the volume their parents and grandparents did.

Technology of course has a role to play, first the advent of television and now the Internet beaming all kinds of potential pastimes into a small community.

Lack of time is likely also a factor. Just because you live in a small community, doesn't mean you actually spend much time there. Most families now require two incomes, perhaps with some sort of side hustle on top of that, to make a household tick. A good job close to where one lives, or the ability to afford a house near where a good job is located, is often not possible, so many young adults spend hours and hours commuting each week, hours that are not spent with the Rotary club or at the curling rink or with the fair board.

Those duties continue to be left to their parents' and grandparents' generations.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

The smartphone and the great outdoors

AS OF TODAY, we no longer have a phone line in our home. We also no longer refer to our pants as britches.

This progress is, in no small part, due to me entering, kicking and screaming, into this decade by finally accepting that I need an iPhone6S more than the very air I breathe. And also because no one in my house would recognize britches as a word.

I won't lie to you; it was a struggle for me to embrace the idea of a smartphone after spending so many years with my old dumbphone.

It is not because I am opposed to new technology either. No, it is because a Smartphone is one of those things that can ruin a perfectly good fishing story.

You see, in the old days, long before the advent of these devil machines, you would simply go fishing, catch and release a 10-inch trout, then go home and – an angler's memory being what it is – phone to tell your friend about the 20-inch trout you caught.

Back then, no one had smartphones and their ever-present camera, so your friends had no way of verifying the truth. Therefore, they would congratulate you and, while they were at it, tell you about a 22-inch trout you could not verify either. In turn, you would regale them with tales of an even larger imaginary fish you caught last week. Over the course of several years, both parties would have developed a great mythology that included happily claiming that the average weight of the brook trout they caught in a local stream was between nine and 13 pounds. And, because no one but a blowhard would dare carry a camera while fishing

or hunting, you merely accepted the other guy's story as plausible.

These days, and I blame this entirely on the technology, everyone wants you to text or email them the photo of the fish or game immediately. Worse still, most of my buddies would like one photo of the fish in question beside today's newspaper so that they can verify the date.

Fail to take a photo of any fish you have bested and your claims are immediately suspect.

If this continues I expect to see some anglers taking selfies with expensive rainbow trout from the frozen fish section of the grocery store. All we need to do is develop an app that helps you walk into the place unnoticed with fishing rod, vest and waders. By the way, if you do this, don't forget to crop out the lobster tank in the background.

The point is I'm going to have to be a lot more honest about the size of the fish I catch on any given day.

There's one other thing that makes these cellphones dangerous for anglers. They can give away your spot. Last year, for example, a friend and I found a new, productive pool on a stretch of river we have never fished solely from information we gleaned from a photo that someone posted.

That's why I plan on being very careful about where I take my photos with this phone.

For instance, I won't be taking any in the local stream I fish.

Call me selfish, but I don't want anyone else to figure out where all those nine- to 13-pound brook trout are...



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Extra! Trump's inauguration speech

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Through fantastic reporting, I have obtained Donald Trump's presidential inauguration speech. Obviously I can't reveal how I got it, except to say that brilliant reporting was involved.

So while the entire world waits with eyeballs glued to televisions you, dear readers, have the speech now. Here it is:

My Fellow Americans. And, of course, your lovely ladies as well.

Happy 2017 to all, including to my many enemies and those who have fought me and lost so badly they just don't know what to do. Sad! Very sad!

Welcome to you fans who have come from all corners to witness this historic day. Great people out there. Like Vlad Putin, in the second row. He's a great guy and his girlfriend, Alina Kabaeva, has great legs.

Vlad is a leader. You know, unlike what we have in this country.

One thing, though. He is not as good looking as me. I mean do I look like a president? How handsome am I, right? How handsome? You betcha!



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I think it's important that I say something never said here before: Many scores and years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Well, they got that wrong! Nobody is created equal. You have to know the right people and work the dollars to get that way.

I'm going to work at making a lot more people more equal. Nobody can do it better than me.

I have a great temperament for getting that done. My temperament is very good, very calm. Everything I've done virtually has been a tremendous success. In fact

everything I have done actually has been tremendous.

I'm going to help the poor, because they need a lot of help. I mean, if they have been poor for so many generations, how smart can they be? Basically they are morons and they need help.

I'm also going to do foreign affairs. Foreign affairs, without the help of the State Department. The level of stupidity there is incredible. I'm telling you, I used to use the word incompetent. Now I just call them stupid.

I'll be consulting myself a lot. Speaking with myself – No. 1 – because I have a very good brain and I've said a lot of things.

I've already seen how our free trade is terrible. Free trade can be wonderful if you have smart people. But we have stupid people.

There has been a bunch of snivelling about having too many rich men, and too few women, in my administration.

I want to make clear that I cherish women. I want to help women. I'm going to be able to do things for women that no one else could do. They are going to love it.

(Pause as the president summons an aide to bring him a pair of ear muffs.)

That feels better. I didn't want my ears to get frostbitten on my first day as president.

You know all this global warming talk was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive. Now any and all weather events are used by the global warming hoaxsters to justify higher taxes to save our planet!

And, of course, there's the carbon footprint thing and the hole in the ozone thing. They say, don't use hair spray, it's bad for the ozone. I want to use hair spray. I've got a fantastic head of hair and I want to keep it in place. What's more important, my hair or the ozone?

Hey, it really is getting cold outside. I see Hillary sitting out there in Row 236 and can hear her teeth chattering. She'll warm up when we get her locked up.

So that's about it. I want to cut this short because it really is getting cold. Half the country is in a deep freeze. It's a major freeze. Weeks ahead of normal.

Our planet is freezing. Record low temps, and our scientists are stuck in ice.

Man, we could use a big fat dose of global warming!

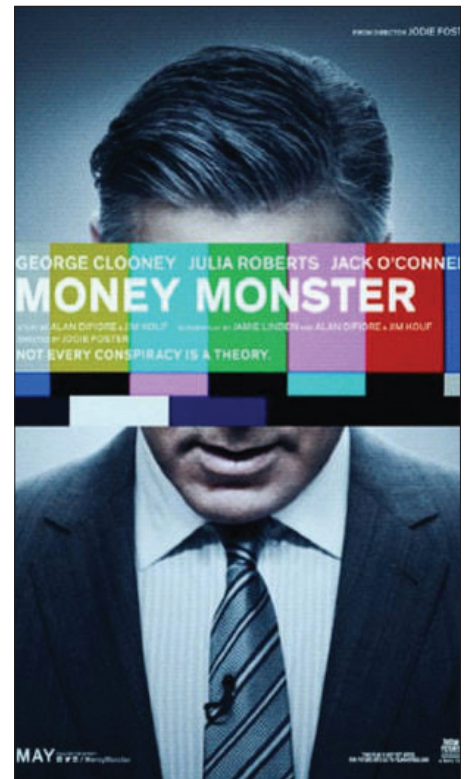
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DVD of the month - Money Monster

Flamboyant TV financial analyst Lee Gates (George Clooney) is in the middle of filming his rapid-fire show *Money Monster* when a disgruntled investor Kyle (Jack O'Connell) arrives on the set with a gun and a vest laden with explosives. Now Gates is wearing that vest and having to explain to Kyle while his sure-thing investment advice failed spectacularly when the IBIS Clear Capital stock he recommended tanked, and the CEO of the company, Walt Camby (Dominic West) – due to have a softball interview on the show – is nowhere to be found. All this is happening on live television, and it's up to Gates and his director Patty Fenn (Julia Roberts) to keep the cameras rolling and uncover the underhanded dealings of IBIS Clear Capital before Kyle



makes an example of Gates in the ultimate episode of reality television.

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Horseshoe Dam replacement underway

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Work has begun on the replacement of the Horseshoe Lake dam.

“The contractor is currently working toward diverting the Gull River around the construction site by constructing cofferdams,” reads a release from Parks Canada. “This will allow the completion of the first stages of work, which will include the demolition of the west side of the dam and its replacement. This demolition may begin as early as the week of January 16.”

A section of Horseshoe Lake road just south of Bethel Road was closed to traffic in early December and is expected to remain closed until the end of February.

“A pedestrian access pathway is in place alongside the closure,” the release reads. “Residents are advised to avoid the area if possible and follow posted road side detour

signs accordingly.”

About \$40 million of \$570 million in federal funding for improvements to the Trent Severn Waterway is being spent on projects in Haliburton County. Along with the dam at Horseshoe Lake, dams at Long Lake, Red Pine Lake, Esson Lake, Canning Lake, Twelve Mile Lake, Kushog Lake, among others, will be repaired or replaced.

Much of the infrastructure of the Trent Severn Waterway is more than a century old. The dam at Horseshoe Lake was constructed in 1909.

The new dam will include a pedestrian walkway that will allow for viewing the Minden Wild Water Preserve, located just below the dam at the head of the Gull River.

Anyone with any questions about the project can send an email to Ont.TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca and write “Horseshoe Lake Dam” in the subject heading. Updates on projects in the county can be found at www.pc.gc.ca/tswhaliburton.

Survey says largest group of visitors 45 and older

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 11 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The county tourism department continues to conduct an online survey of visitors to the Haliburton Highlands.

Some 200 of the surveys were filled out between August and December, assessing the demography of visitors to the area, the route through which they enter the county, where they stay, etc.

Seventy per cent of respondents to the survey were aged 45 or older, approximately 16 per cent were aged 35 to 44 and about 11 per cent aged 25 to 34.

Thirty-nine per cent of respondents identified themselves as being at the family stage of life, 25 per cent as empty-nesters and 22 per cent as couples with no kids.

It's this latter demographic – younger couples with no kids or young kids – where the county focuses much of its marketing attention, trying to increase its market share.

Nearly 37 per cent of respondents had household incomes of \$100,000 or more and more than 72 per cent stay in the area for five days or more during their visits.

To take the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB69L95

Supercharging the brand

2017, which is the fourth year since Haliburton County launched its #MyHaliburtonHighlands branding, will be about “supercharging the brand,” a report from tourism director Amanda Virtanen shows.

Planned social media enhancements for the year include adding new social media channels such as Instagram and Pinterest, taking advantage of Facebook's “live” function, the launch of an “Ask a Local” video series and the development of a digital magazine.

Tourism office closed

The county's tourism office along Highway 35 in Minden closed on Dec. 2, the long-time tourist information clerk moving into the county building on Newcastle Street.

A change in strategy by the department will see roving tourism employees going out into the community more.

Provincial framework

Part of the province's tourism framework has been to encourage municipalities to attract visitors from outside the country.

“There's been interest in attracting international visitors,” Virtanen told councillors, adding she'd been working on that with Haliburton Highlands advertising along the American eastern seaboard.

Human handouts attract cardinal population

Annual bird count reveals changing habits of our feathered friends

by DENNIS BARRY

Special to the Times

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the 50th Christmas bird count on Saturday, Dec. 17. The weather, although a little snowy early in the day, was a great improvement over last year's blizzard. Deep snow and mostly frozen lakes reduced the numbers of waterfowl and gulls, and made accessing off-road areas very difficult. Despite those handicaps, a total of 46 species of birds were found.

As usual, folks who reported birds visiting their feeders and in their neighbourhoods added immensely to the results, including an additional six species that wouldn't have been found otherwise. These were two barred owls near South Lake and Horseshoe Lake, a common loon and six hooded mergansers on Gull Lake, a sharp-shinned hawk on Horseshoe Lake Road, and two purple finches and 12 pine siskins in the Minden area.

Highlights included a horned grebe near Gull Rock in the middle of Gull Lake, and 83 bohemian waxwings feeding on highbush cranberry and winterberry in the south-eastern part of the circle.

An interesting find was a female belted kingfisher along Gull River near the north end of Minden where they nest in summer. This is the first documented record of a female kingfisher on the count. Almost always, wintering kingfishers are males trying to get a head start on defending a territory for the coming breeding season.

The most common finch was American goldfinch. The 1,262 reported was second only to the record high of 1,426, found in the year 2000. Many were taking advantage of niger and black sunflower seed at feeders, while others were feasting on seeds from white cedar and tamarack cones.

Only one golden-crowned kinglet appeared. The numbers of this diminutive species on the count fluctuate widely, perhaps due to changes in food availability from year to year.

Many changes have occurred in the bird population of Haliburton County over the past 50 years. There are many reasons for this, depending on the species. In 1971, the first year any dabbling ducks were recorded, 33 black ducks were counted and only two mallards. In recent years, mallards have frequently outnumbered black ducks more than 20 to one. I'm not sure what year it was, probably in the 1950s or 1960s, I remember seeing a flock of drake mallards for the first time ever in Haliburton County. Since then mallards have displaced black ducks in the more open, more heavily-populated parts of eastern Canada. Only in the Maritimes, northern Quebec and Labrador are black ducks holding their own.

Gray jays (better known in this country as Canada jays or whiskey jacks) are much less numerous in Haliburton County than they were even a decade ago, when it wasn't unusual for more than a dozen to be reported, mainly in the south and east of the circle, where their favourite evergreen and tamarack wetlands are more widespread. Canada jays store food in the fall so that when their young hatch in March, they have reserves to feed them. Global warming, leading to frequent freezing and thawing over the winter, causes the stored food to rot, so many young starve. As a result, Canada jay numbers across the southern edge of their range have fallen dramatically over the past half century.

House sparrows were resident on numerous farms across Haliburton County during the 1900s. Most of those farms are no longer operating. Today only the Cox farm on Horseshoe Lake Road has a thriving house sparrow population.

House finches first appeared on the count in 1994 after a range expansion into southern Ontario and subsequent population explosion in that area. An eye disease caused that population to crash, and after three birds were found in 1996, the species disappeared from Haliburton County.

Northern cardinals, on the other hand, first appeared in 1973, became fairly regular in the mid-1990s, and are

now found every year in increasing numbers in more widespread locations in the county. Wintering cardinals are dependent on black sunflower seeds provided at bird feeders. They seem to prefer places with several feeders at nearby homes, perhaps as a backup in case one food source is temporarily interrupted. Without handouts from humans in winter, there would be no cardinal population in the area.

Mourning doves, too, are here in winter only because of bird feeders. Their population expanded in southern Ontario when farmers began growing crops of seed corn, storing some in corn cribs and leaving some in fields over winter. There is no such food supply in Haliburton County. The first two doves were found in 1983, and they have been recorded every year since 1993. Numbers peaked in the early 2000s, with more than 100 found every year. Currently numbers seem to have stabilized at less than half that number.

Wild turkeys also benefit from food supplied by humans. They are able to adjust their food requirements in winter, so are able to survive without handouts in milder winters or when there's an abundant acorn crop, but not in the numbers that live here now. The first individual appeared on the 1999 count. By 2005 over 200 were found.

While individual flocks now seem to be smaller, they are more widespread and still quite numerous, as the 252 birds found on this year's count indicates.

Bald eagles are now regular winter residents, with several birds appearing on every count over the last decade. After DDT was banned in Canada in the middle of the last century, pairs of bald eagles were brought from northwest Ontario to help rebuild the population in southern Ontario. The program has been very successful and more and more nestings are now taking place throughout central Ontario as young birds move northward. Eagles are opportunistic. While some congregate along the open waters of the Gull River system in December looking for a meal of fish, others hang around the local garbage dumps in search of food. It's likely that, as the number of nesting pairs in the county increase, these majestic birds will continue to be a regular part of our December landscape.

Once again, thanks to everyone for making the 50th count a great success. We hope you'll mark Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 on your calendar and join us next fall to start the second half century of discovering winter birds in Haliburton County.

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Minden stray cats - successes and challenges

The Minden Cat Angels' story for 2016 is a successful one. Eighteen cats and kittens were rescued and placed into homes by this volunteer group. Since the shelter was opened two and a half years ago on Don's new property more than 40 cats have been placed into caring homes. There are presently 16 cats in the shelter, all neutered with their necessary shots. Six adult cats remain outdoors in downtown Minden. Five heavily insulated Rubbermaid containers have been placed in their areas, and as soon as they can be trapped, they will be brought to the shelter as spaces open up for them.

Thanks are offered for the many generous and monetary donations that have kept the shelter going. Without these donations many cats would still be trying to survive the brutal winters in downtown Minden. Four of our volunteers are working on applying for charitable status with the aid of a Minden accountant. It is hoped that this status will encourage future donations.

More volunteers are invited and needed, especially from the Minden area, to help with the care and socialization of the cats rescued from our Minden community. Local help with feeding the remaining cats in downtown Minden would also be greatly appreciated. We have unfortunately lost many of our local Minden volunteers due to health or family commitments. Carol and Anne continue driving all the way in from Haliburton as they have for the last one to two years to help at the shelter. Brenda comes from north of Halls lake when she can. However bad weather, especially this winter, often makes this prohibitive. In an emergency situation if Don is unable to continue the daily watch and extra care of the cats we need some local Minden backup volunteers. The shelter is located on a park-like setting less than five minutes from downtown Minden.

There has never been a fight among any of the cats in the two separate areas of the shelter which allows them to move freely from inside to a confined multi-perched area outside. All are learning to trust and play again and have formed a happy community, each with their own unique personalities. Currently we are focused on dealing with the local feral cats, and are not taking in pet cats. As we find more homes and bring more cats in, more care will be required, so if you can help us with these unique, beautiful and deserving cats please phone Don at 705-457-6923.

Both years we have received two to three litters of kittens. Although cute, they are very time consuming to care for and detract from our time to work with the older cats. Neutering/spaying is essential to limit the number of stray cats and kittens wandering in the streets of our community. In just two years one female cat and her offspring can produce 225 cats. Our program has avoided this situation so far, but our successes could easily be reversed in under a year by even just a couple of roaming cats that have not been spayed or neutered. Spayed and neutered cats are less likely to spray or wander off, and generally make affectionate pets. We would ask that owners please, if possible, have their cats spayed or neutered. If you can't afford to go to a local vet then there are services available in other cities that offer reduced rates; e.g. the SPCA in many cities offer this service.

For more information and to see many of our adoptable cats please visit our Facebook page. The cats and volunteers of Minden Cat Angels thank you, the people of the county, for your continued support.

Submitted



Prof. Wick dazzles

A flurry of paper is fanned into the air by magician Professor Wick during *Professor Wick's Incredible Magic Factory* on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This is part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series. The next performance is *Saraka*, which combines contemporary dance with African and Caribbean music, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. For more information see www.razzamataz.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

YWCA welcomes applications for education awards

YWCA Hazel Education Award offers a one-time award (up to \$1,000) to women who:

- have experienced barriers related to violence and abuse;
- are residents of Peterborough or Haliburton Counties; and
- are furthering their formal or informal education.

Women from rural areas will be given special consideration for this award, as per Hazel's request.

Applications Due: Monday, March 13.

YWCA Long Term Education Award offers a renewable Education Award (up to \$2,000/year) to train women for careers that will improve their quality of life who are:

- abuse survivors;

- registrants accepted in a post-secondary program in an accredited Canadian institution for the 2017/18 school year;
- able to provide information detailing financial need (e.g., OSAP, ODSP, OW, etc.); and
- preferably a resident of Peterborough or Haliburton County.

This award is renewable for up to four years.

Applications Due: Monday, May 8.

To learn more about YWCA Education Awards, or to apply, please visit <http://ywcapeterborough.org/get-help/education/or> contact Yvonne Porter, YWCA associate donations and executive assistant, at 705-743-3526 ext. 116 or oryporter@ywcapeterborough.org.

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Workshop to provide soup and skating

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Learn how to make holiday leftovers into a delicious soup with the latest Dig In workshop Soup and Skate on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre above the arena in Minden.

The workshop is divided into two parts, starting with the preparation and cooking of the soup, followed by the opportunity to skate and receive helpful tips.

Abbey Gardens' program co-ordinator Cara Steele welcomes the public to learn and to enjoy the time out.

"Anybody who wants to learn more about cooking and how to use ingredients you have on hand to make something and then also anybody looking to have a fun outing, as it's a little bit of both," she said.

Alisha Lafleur, who has led many local cooking workshops and initiatives, helps lead the first part at 10 a.m. She will teach participants to make homemade soup from holiday leftovers such as a turkey carcass and common available ingredients. After cooking and eating the soup, the participants will head outside.

“Anybody who wants to learn more about cooking and how to use ingredients you have on hand to make something and then also anybody looking to have a fun outing, as it's a little bit of both.”

— CARA STEELE

From 11:30 to 1 p.m., the workshop participants are free to skate on the outdoor skating area by the ball diamonds behind the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Instruction is available and will be provided by experienced figure skater and Minden

Skating Club coach Janene Greer.

The series is offered because of the partnership between Abbey Gardens, SIRCH and Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Bringing together cooking and an activity is part of the series' new approach. Last year, the switch came from adding a "healthy living component," Steele said.

This will be the fourth workshop with this approach. The past ones included Yoga and Yogurt, Transplanting and Tai Chi and Pickles and Pickleball.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 and is structured for adults, but can accommodate families for the skating portion. Participants are asked to bring something to cover their heads for cooking, skates and outdoor clothing. Deadline for registration is on Thursday, Jan. 19 at noon.

Participants don't need to be experts in cooking or skating to benefit. Steele said beginner cooks will benefit the most from the soup workshop.

Contact Abbey Gardens to register (abbeygardens.ca) or contact Cara Steele for additional concerns related to food intolerances or allergies or questions at cara@abbeygardens.ca or 705 754 4769.

School board explains snow day procedures

by **ANGELICA INGRAM**
Times Staff

Last week students across the county awoke to news that it was a snow day and that buses for Trillium Lakelands District School Board were cancelled.

They heard this news not once, not twice, but three times in a week. Then again this week.

Whether or not to cancel buses is a lengthy decision process by the board, according to a spokesperson for the TLDSB transportation department.

"The decision as to whether or not the buses will be cancelled due to inclement weather is made by the superintendent of business, in consultation with the transportation supervisor, along with the appropriate local bus operators," she said.

The school board is divided into three main districts: Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and District of Muskoka.

"In Haliburton, every attempt is made to reach a decision by 6:30 a.m.," she said.

The decision on whether or not to cancel buses is based on a variety of factors, including visibility, freezing rain, existing road conditions, current and forecasted weather conditions reported by Environment Canada, extreme cold temperatures and any other information available.

"The safe transportation of students to and from school shall be the guiding principle in all decisions to cancel bus transportation services, taking into consideration current and forecasted weather and road conditions," she said.

According to a video created by the school board outlining cancellation policies, the transportation department watches the Environment Canada website all day and night for weather statements prior to making a decision.

In addition, bus companies communicate with the transportation department about local road conditions.

Notice of a bus cancellation is posted on websites, such as www.mybustschool.ca and www.tlidsb.ca, as well as through social media. The board's Twitter handle is @TLDSB.

The board also sends an email to all local radio and TV stations about cancellations.

You can also subscribe to receive email notifications from the board by visiting www.mybustschool.ca.

Notifications are not given if the buses are running.

When buses are cancelled, schools remain open and students can be dropped off by parents if they wish.

A video outlining the cancellation policy can be viewed at on YouTube by searching TLDSB.





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Novices battle Stars in playoffs

On Saturday, Jan. 14 the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team travelled to Newcastle to take on the Stars in game one of the playoffs. From the opening puck drop the Storm were relentless in their pursuit of the puck and defensive play. The Storm opened the scoring and never looked back. Excellent passing, defence and positional play led to a dominant win for the Storm. Great teamwork and an excellent start to the playoffs. Goals were scored by Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden. Superb goaltending by Chase Winder led to a shutout. Way to go, team, on a big win!

The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Muskoka Rock for their last league game of the season on Sunday, Jan. 15, in Haliburton. The Storm scored first and continued to apply offensive pressure to the Rock resulting in more scoring opportunities. Excellent defence kept the Rock outside the offensive zone, minimizing their scoring chances. Storm goals were scored by Liam Harrison, Evan Jones, Jacob Lloyd and Josh Scheffee. Excellent goaltending by Hudson Horsley sealed the deal on the 4-1 novice win. Way to go, team!

After a short rest, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team were back in action hosting the Newcastle Stars for game two of the playoffs. The Stars came out hard and lit up the score-



The peewee girls Jets team returned victorious from the Orillia Hawks Tournament. Photo by Melissa Armstrong

board first forcing the Storm to dig deep and respond. A goal from Liam Harrison tied it up but the Storm were unable to contain the fire power of the Stars and dropped this one 4-1. Better luck next time, Storm. The novice team is back in action next weekend when they head to Port Carling for the MPS Novice tournament. Playoff action resumes when the Storm return to Newcastle Jan. 28. Good luck, team!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Peewees play hard against Rock

On Sunday, Jan. 15 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees took on the Muskoka Rock in Minden. Both teams battled back and forth for the first two periods with the score still at zero going into the third. The Muskoka Rock managed to score two in the third with the Storm playing hard and giving their all. They just couldn't get on the board and the Rock took the game 2-0. The peewees head to Bracebridge on Saturday, Jan. 21, to participate in the MPS play-down tournament first game is at 1:30 vs the Parry Sound Shamrocks and then at 4:30 vs the South Muskoka Bears.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee girls bring home gold

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls travelled to Orillia this past weekend to participate in the 21st annual Orillia Hawks Tournament. Friday saw the girls matched up against their division rivals the Peterborough Ice Kats. The Ice Kats were not going to make the game easy on us first thing in the morning as they challenged the girls on every play. Getting the jetlag out finally in the

second period the Jets found the scoreboard first by a beauty goal scored by Emma Tidey and assisted by Olivia Villamere and Ava Smith. Having the first game jitters out of the way, Tidey potted three more goals to lift the Jets to their first victory of the weekend with a final score of 4-1. Assists went to Trista Young, Mackenzie Hudder, Megan Jenkins and Ryan Rupnow.

The second game of the day saw them face off against the Temiskaming Puckhounds. In an easier matchup the Jets came out firing on all cylinders with two goals in each period for the second win of the day by a score of 6-1. Goals scored by Elyse Ives, Rupnow, Hailey Hudder, Peyton Armstrong, Jenkins and M. Hudder. Assists go to Armstrong (2), Ives, Rupnow, Chloe Billings, Smith, Villamere and Young. With that win it put the Jets into the quarter finals Saturday night.

Saturday night saw them take on the Puckhounds yet again in an elimination game. The Puckhounds changed up their game play and were a force to be reckoned with. On the edge-of-the-seat style game no goals were scored from either side entering the third period. That came to a quick end when Villamere scored a perfect goal to wake the Jets up and get their adrenaline going, assists going to H. Hudder and Ives. Before the game ended two more snipers stepped up to give the girls their third win of the tournament. Goals scored by Armstrong and Tidey, assisted by M. Hudder and Jenkins.

Sunday morning was a do-or-die semi-final game against Brockville. This game saw a lot more aggressive play but the Jets remained calm with the puck and secured their place in the gold medal game with a score of 3-0. Goals scored by Armstrong (2) and Tidey with assists going to Ives, Jenkins and Rupnow.

The gold medal game saw the Jets facing off against the Kitchener Rangers in a re-

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MINOR HOCKEY

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match from a tournament earlier in the season that saw the girls on the losing end and they were out for revenge. This game proved to live up to the hype with some great passing, amazing rushes and all shots being turned away at both ends. After three periods and one five-minute overtime the score remained zeros on both sides and headed to a shootout. Lots of eyes were peeking through hands in the crowd as they saw the three shooters from each side take their spot one after the other

to face off against the opposing goalie. With Elyse Ives' lone top shelf peanut butter shoot-out goal and Bella Smolen, the Jets amazing netminder, turning away all three Kitchener shooters, the crowd went crazy as the girls celebrated their gold medal victory. This weekend saw all the girls play as a team, win as a team and celebrate as a team. Great work, girls, and thanks for bringing home the bling.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Silver medal finish for midget B girls

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls travelled to Orillia this weekend, using the Sunshine Tourney to help them gear up for their end of the season wrap-up and their forge into league playoffs and provincial play-downs. On Friday night, they faced off against the Hamilton Hawks in their pool play. Jamie Little opened the scoring midway through the first period with a half-clapper from the point. The Hawks capitalized early in the second to tie the game at 1-1 stuffing home a bouncing puck in the Bancroft end. The Jets continued to pressure Hamilton and with less than a minute in the game, Kenndal Marsden picked up a loose puck in the neutral zone and slipped a sweet wrister inside the blocker-side far post to give Bancroft the 2-1 win. In game two, a 10 p.m. late night tilt against the home team Orillia Hawks, Jamie Little opened the scoring again, early in the first with another half-clapper from the high slot. Orillia tied the game at 1-1 with a deflected wrister that found its way into the back of the net with just seconds left in the first. Both squads continued to battle, with the Jets having the bulk of the chances, to try to find the tie-breaking goal but neither side could find the twine. The tie game gave Bancroft a Saturday bye to another 10 p.m. late night game in the semi-finals. On Saturday night, Bancroft met the North York Storm at the Rama Rink. The Jets opened the scoring early in the first period with Tori Shpikula finishing of a sweet 2-1 pass from Kenndal Marsden. Bancroft's first period pressure continued to frustrate North York and Jules Croskery capitalized, putting a goal-mouth scramble marker up on the board. The 2-0 Bancroft lead energized the game into an aggressive and spirited battle as the Storm tried to stay close. Stellar defence and focused team play stymied any North York attack. Bailey Wiltshire put the game out of reach with an empty net 3-0 wrister from the point with less than a minute to play. The Storm did manage to spoil Katie Hoover's shutout with a goal mouth tally with just seconds left in the game.

Looking to build on their spirited effort from the previous night, the Jets took flight in the championship game against the Puckhounds from Temiskaming on Sunday afternoon. Bancroft fell behind 1-0 late in the first period on a defensive breakdown and then 2-0 with a goal-mouth scramble that Temiskaming stuffed into the net midway through the second period. The Jets could not find a way to get on the scoreboard and the Puckhounds put the game out of reach late in the third with an empty net goal. Great tourney, girls, to face some new teams as we push our way into the league playoffs and provincial play-downs. Use this last tough battle and silver medal finish to fuel the tanks for the rest of the regular season and beyond. The Jets' next

home game is Saturday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in Haliburton when they host the Lindsay Lynx and then Sunday, Jan 29 at 4:30 p.m. when they host the Keene Wolverines.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget A's grapple with Otters, begin playoffs

The Highlander midget A Storm team finally played the last regular season game against the Huntsville Otters Friday, Jan. 13 in Haliburton. It was a tough game from the start and resulted in a 7-4 loss for the Storm. The regular season respectably ended with 12 wins, four losses and two ties.

The Otters took the lead early in the game with two quick unanswered goals. The Storm team got on the board during a man advantage. It began with a nice rush by Owen Patterson-Smith. He gave a sweet drop pass to Chris Thompson who snapped it in for the first Storm goal. A few minutes later the Otters answered back with a goal, making it 3-1. The Storm picked up some momentum nearing the end of the first, while on a power play. Owen Patterson-Smith came around the net and fooled the goalie with a backhanded shot. Help from Shawn Walker and Andrew Hall, ending the first 3-2 for the Otters. The second period began and it was another quick couple of goals against the Storm, now 5-2. A pass by Lucas Haedicke gave Owen Patterson-Smith the lead and he went full speed and beat the goalie with a great shot. That goal gave the Storm some drive and they used it. Ryan Prentice fed Jon Morrison the puck and he push hard along the boards. He fought his way through the defence and chipped it in, closing the gap to 5-4. That ended the second period and was all that the Storm could do against the Otters. The third period was tough and the Otters calmed the Storm with two more goals and that ended the game 7-4.

The Highlander Storm midget A team began the MPS playoffs against the South Muskoka Bears Saturday morning. It was an incredibly entertaining game that ended after 5-3 minute overtime periods of three on three. The Storm team successfully captured the 4-3 win in period eight with a breakaway by Lucas Haedicke.

The first period offered lots of back and forth action and remained scoreless. The second period was rough with frustration. The Bears scored while on a two-man advantage. Minutes later, they caught the Storm off guard and rushed in for a short-handed goal and that ended the second period, 2-0. Early in the third period, the Storm dominated during a power play. Andrew Hall patiently moved along the blue line and waited

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for the ideal time to shoot, making it 2-1. Shortly after, the Storm worked aggressively hard and earned another goal. It was Andrew Hall once more, moving along the blue line, looking for the opening, he found it and tied the game. Help came from Owen Patterson-Smith and Owen Gilbert on both goals. The Storm got a major boost that delivered the go-ahead goal. Owen Patterson-Smith led the rush, manoeuvred in and then shot it over to Owen Gilbert, who was ready to top corner the puck. That made it 3-2 for the Storm. Minutes later, the Bears tied it up and that led into overtime. Non-stop, three minutes of three-on-three, it was a nail biter. The exhaustion was clear as each player worked hard end to end. It was the eighth period when fresh legs came on and Lucas Haedicke headed for the puck. He pushed along the boards to free the puck and took off on a breakaway, with his opponent at his heels. He drove straight to the net and found the opening to seal the win for the Storm team. A memorable moment for everyone as the entire team worked hard for this win.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Senior boys Red Hawks basketball team firing on all cylinders

Given the quality of basketball the senior boys Red Hawks have played over the last month, the team is feeling optimistic about their chances for a deep run in the upcoming playoffs in February. The boys have channelled their frustration with game cancellations due to inclement weather onto the court with tenacious defence and a high octane offence. Here are some of our season highlights to date:

- A solid performance in Kawartha League Interlock play beating Campbellford 49-42 and losing a tight game to Port Hope.
- Convincing victories over LCVI, Gravenhurst, and the HHSS alumni team.
- A wonderful performance at a tournament in Port Hope on Fri. Jan. 13. The boys defeated Quinte Christian 55-39 led by team captain McKay

Coneybeare.

- (15 points, eight assists) and Campbellford 56-42 led by sharp shooter Sam Longo.
- (21 points with six three pointers). All 14 team members played inspired ball despite losing in the final to Clarke High School 55-40. No excuses but we played the final with 10 minutes rest against a fresh team.

We have four more league games before the exam break and then the boys head to a tune-up tournament in Pembroke Feb. 3 and 4. Our league play finishes on Feb. 9 and playoffs begin on Feb. 13. Keep up the great effort McKay, Kyle, Sam, Sage, Collin, Brandon, Braden, Cam, Jordan, Jonas, Rylan, Alec, Liam, Zak, and Alex!

– Submitted by Paul Longo

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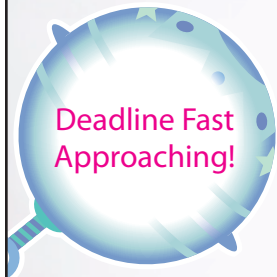
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Seniors' club offers activities for all interests

DORSET NEWS

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Free gentle exercises for those age 55+ are taking place every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Dorset Seniors' Club, 5025 Muskoka Road 117 just west of the village. The program offered is the VON SMART Exercise Program and is generously sponsored by the LHIN (Local Health Integration Network). For more information, contact Muskoka SMART at 705-787-1996 or call the leaders, Joanne Krawczyk at 705-766-9026 or Shirley Coulson at 705-766-9347.

Other activities also take place at the Dorset Seniors' Club such as cards, friendship luncheons, field trips and monthly trips to Casino Rama. Membership fees are very

reasonable and new members ages 50+ are always welcome. For more information about the club, contact president Shirley Coulson at 705-766-9347.

The LOBA (Lake of Bays Association) winter meeting will be taking place on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bethune United Church, 2 Dickie Street, Baysville. This annual update of what's happening around Lake of Bays is a great opportunity for the community to share news and information on a wide range of topics. In addition to updates on the District of Muskoka recreational water quality review and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, LOBA board member and local political representatives will be on hand to give updates and answer your questions. Continue the conversation over sandwiches served immediately following the meeting. This meeting is open to everyone – members and non-members alike. Please share this invitation. To help organizers plan for seating,

refreshments and food, please email Lili Davis-Burchat at executivecoord@loba.ca if you plan to attend. LOBA is a non-profit organization representing the interests of seasonal and permanent residents of Lake of Bays.

Our neighbours at Dysart et al are putting on a new event called the Hardwater Festival on Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lots of activities themed around ice. If you are interested in ice safety – and there is a lot of buzz about that this year with the winter we've been having, this is a good opportunity to participate and learn about working and playing on ice. The festival will also include lots of fun activities such as ice climbing, ice fishing, skating, ice themed movies, there will be food, crafts, broom-ball and more. Activities will take place in and around the West Guilford Community Centre which is about a 35 minute drive south of Dorset. Registration for the training session is required and there is a fee.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.dysartetal.ca/hardwaterfestival/> or call Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 x. 35.

There is a new time for the African hand drumming sessions taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday mornings. Classes with Gillian Thomas of One Drum will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning this week until the end of March (usual time is 10 to 11 a.m.). No experience is required to participate and instruments are provided. If you have your own drum please feel free to bring along. The cost is \$10 per person per class. Please contact Gillian for more information at gilliant07@gmail.com or 705-571-2539.

Happy Birthday to Dave Bradbury, Samantha Black, Shirley Brown, Brenda Davies, Deb Eichler and Happy Anniversary to Doris and Rick Nash. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca.



The Red Wolves Special Olympics curling team from left, Trevor Brauer, Dawn Piercey, assistant coach Dave Piercey, Skylar Pratt, Brent Leffering, head coach Dave McKay and Emily Boccitto returned as the B division south east qualifiers for the Ontario Curling Association – Special Olympics Ontario Tankard championship. They will now play Brantford in the OCA-SOO finals hosted by the West Northumberland Curling Club in Cobourg on Feb. 4.

Red Wolves rink advances in provincial final

On Saturday, Jan. 7, our competitive Red Wolves curling team won B division south east qualifier for the Ontario Curling Association – Special Olympics Ontario Tankard championship.

Coached by Dave McKay and assisted by Dave Piercey, the team of Emily Boccitto, Trevor Brauer, Brent Leffering, Dawn Piercey and Skylar Pratt finished the competition with a pair of wins and a tie at the Lindsay Curling Club. They made us feel welcomed and served a delicious lunch.

The B divisional game (two ends) was our first win. Our first game was against Mississauga and the score ended 7-3 in our favour. The second game was against

Weston, which we won 7-2. Our third game was against Milton, which we tied and had to shoot closest to the button. Milton won the throw (all the games were four ends), but we won the B division by total points.

We are now heading to play Brantford in the OCA-SOO finals hosted by the West Northumberland Curling Club in Cobourg on Feb. 4.

A huge thank you to Dave McKay for being our head coach as well as support from our athletes' parents. An excellent day for all involved.

Submitted by Tracey Pratt

Notice

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

8 PECK STREET & SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PECK & BOBCAYGEON (PLOZA2017005)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Official Plan & Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to property municipally known as 8 Peck Street and a vacant parcel at the southeast corner of Peck & Bobcaygeon (see Key Map below).

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Village Commercial (C4) and is located within the Downtown Transition designation. The purpose of the application would accommodate a proposal for the sales and assembly of energy efficient buildings together with space for training and rental to artisan manufactures. The applicant seeks amendments which would permit this use and to allow for the outside storage of four (4) trailers and the display of a model home.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the applicant will be hosting an Open House to give the public an informal opportunity to review and ask questions about the proposal. Any person may attend the Open House to discuss their comments and concerns with the applicant and municipal planning staff. Comments and concerns received as a result of the Open House will be considered in the preparation of a Planning Report for Council's information, and may result in modifications to the proposal.

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

DATE AND LOCATION OF OPEN HOUSE

Date: Tuesday January 24, 2017
Time: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Minden Lions Club
166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, ON

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne St., Minden, ON

Additional information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

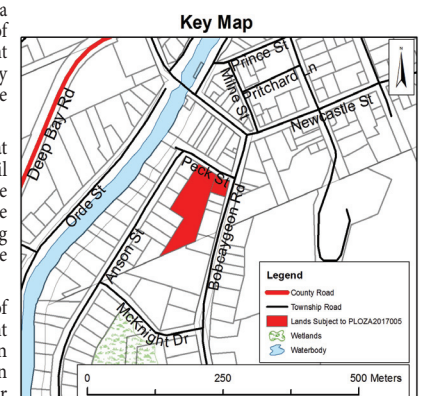
ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

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Here at the old farmhouse we are recuperating from a wonderful birthday party this past Saturday, Jan. 14. For a long time I have been dreading that date's arrival even though daughter-in-law Rita assures that 80 is the new 70. Thanks to Margie and her great staff at Norland's Riverside Inn and Bruce and our family's incredible efforts plus close friends who shared in the occasion with delicious food, speeches, camp songs and laughter it was a memorable occasion. Even this week's Blue Monday failed to dampen spirits especially on learning its origins. Not based on any scientific data or post Christmas financial regrets Blue Monday was created back in 2005 as a marketing tool by the tourist industry to encourage travel to warmer destinations. This feeling of melancholy is quite different from that experienced by those with seasonal affective disorder a depression linked to darker days

which can respond to increased light and Vitamin D rather than jetting off to the Bahamas. So put away that tired Visa card and stock up instead on those new LED bulbs.

Enjoy a great country experience for your family at the Pearson Family's 50th anniversary Sleigh Ride this Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Pearson Hunt Camp on Galway Road some 7 km. in (east) from Cty. Road 121. This event, which begins at 12:30 p.m. was started back in 1967 as a Centennial Project by the then reeve Peter Pearson and has continued complete with horse-drawn sleighs, a warming bonfire and appropriate refreshments available. The fee is very reasonable and all funds raised go to support projects in the Galway Community.

At the Kinmount library the monthly book sale held by the Friends of the Library will welcome shoppers this Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch. While there be sure to check out the many services and programs at the library along with the excellent selection of reading and listening materials available within a very attractive environment.

The Kinmount Agricultural Society will hold its annual general meeting on Friday, Jan. 27 in the Galway Hall at 7:30 p.m. with

a pot luck supper prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The society is responsible for the famous Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend. The society is always welcoming new members/volunteers and if interested in learning more about its efforts this would be a good opportunity.

The Kinmount Community Centre Management Board invites everyone to its first Family Game Night on Friday, Jan. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kinmount Community Centre with free admission and the snack bar open by donation. This is a fun opportunity to enjoy cards and table games with all ages and no batteries required. For more information call 705-488-9954. Next month on Saturday, Feb. 25 the annual Family Snowflake Ball will be held in the Community Centre from 6:30 to 9 p.m. again with free admission and snack bar open by donation. Both these events are designed to allow the whole family to participate which is really a nice approach. The Community Centre is available for bookings and for more details please call Syl at 705-488-9954 between 5 and 9 p.m.

Until next week keep busy and well, they go together...

UPCOMING Community Events

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

Speaker: Kim Emmerson

Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music and Sound, confirmed

Robbie Burns Night

When: Saturday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy all things Scottish at the Haliburton Legion for the annual Robbie Burns Night. There will be bagpipes, Scottish dancing, Highland dancing, Scotch tasting, food (including, but not limited to haggis). \$15 per person at the door

The Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton, Presents Todd Nolan in the Clubroom

When: Saturday January 28, 2017

Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom

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When: January 28, 7:30 pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

A celebration of very talented local musicians playing rock, folk, country, and jazz. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Tickets at Halco/The Source, Haliburton; Organic Times, Minden; on line at www.haliburtonfolk.com

Contact: info@haliburtonfolk.com 705 - 754-3655

Abbey Gardens Winter Workshop

When: Saturday January 28, 11:00am-3:30pm

Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton

Enjoy a guided snowshoe and learn to make wood-fired pizza (and eat it too) from 11am-1:30pm. In the afternoon, choose from a selection of workshops such as brewing beer, bread making, coffee tasting and more! Join us for a portion or the entire day!

Contact: Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca 705 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca

Family Literacy Day Story Time and Craft

When: January 28, 11:00am

Where: Haliburton County Public Library – Dysart Branch

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with us with a story followed by a craft! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: info@haliburtonlibrary.ca or 705-457-2241

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, January 30th,

1:30-6:30pm

Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.

To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)

Please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Dress for the weather.

Cost : Admission by donation.

Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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County Card Scores:

Again this week there is sadness this time particularly within the bridge community on the passing of Paul Pethick. In spite of health concerns Paul continued to be an active bridge player at all three locations – Stanhope, Parklane and Echo Hills with his name appearing frequently in the winners' circle. Condolences go to his wife Sue and their family from his many friends around the tables. He will be much missed and remembered not only for his skill but also for his determination.

Jan. 8 Sunday Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Legion: In first place at 103 was Terry Landry followed by Reg Coulter 99 and Pat McInnis 96 with Frank Franzen holding the most lone hands. This ew's comes from Bev Johnson.

Jan. 9 contract bridge at Stanhope: Ross Davies led the scoring at 4,380 followed by Sandy McKay 4,170. Ross and Sandy teamed up for a Small Slam while Alek Zworski took home the Lucky Loonie.

Jan. 10 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Linda Taylor 4,460, Lillian Mann 3,730 and Dave Heaven 3,450. Nancy Ballantyne further reports that the group welcomed well-known Minden resident Ron Reed who had decided to take up bridge again after a lengthy absence from the game.

Jan. 10 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that June Miller and John Kerr posted the highest score of 354 with the duo of Joan Bell and George Hamilton next at 277. In third spot were Bev Kerr and Max McKelvey at 254 while

Connie Sawyer partnered with Cathy Thomas claimed the afternoon's low of 196.

Jan. 12 euchre at Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were Muriel McIntosh and Terry Landry with Bev Alexander and Tom Orr posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Doreen Haslam and our reporter Tom Grix while Terry Landry, Muriel McIntosh, John Deak and Doreen Haslam took home the other prizes.

Jan. 12 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pearl Cowen 293, Theresa Deak 275, Anne Manning 236 and Clare Obdam 218. With a score of 303 Marcel Roussel was high man then Tom Grix 280, Bruce Medcalf 238 and John Deak 217. Betty Wagar held the hidden score, Tom Grix won the card draw and Theresa Deak call 1. bev Johnson further reports that Dwaine Lloyd, Marcel Roussel, Tom Grix and Pear Cowen [2] took the moonshots.

Jan. 10 bid euchre at Minden Legion: This event was not held due to weather conditions.

Jan.,11 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Irena and Alek Zworski 67 percent and Joan Davies partnered with Peter O'Connor 60 percent.

Jan.13 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: WinniJang for high hands was Cathy Howe, for lone hands Pat Bailey, for low hands Doreen Francis and for the special prize Lil Mann. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

Jan. 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Steve Foster led at 58 percent with Irena and Alek Zworski tied with Jackie Metcalf and Lois Emmerson at 54 percent for second place and Carol Bowker partnered with Kathie Porter third at 50 percent.

Jan. 15 Sunday Bid Euchre at the Minden Community Centre: Leading the scoring were Dwaine Lloyd 370, Pat Roussel 293 and Sharron Atkinson 269. Winning for the hidden score was John Kerr, for the card draw Jesse Barlow and for call 1 Muriel McIntosh. Bev Johnson further reports that the high game was a tie between Dwaine Lloyd and Pearl Cowen while moonshots landed on Jason Peacock, Dave Deemert, Pat Roussel, Dwaine Lloyd, Al McMullen, Shirley Howe and Gala Newell.

Jan. 16 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lyn Preston and Lorraine Campbell claimed the most lone hands honours with Yvonne Arbuthnot and Lil Mann recording the high

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Notice



County of Haliburton Notices

2017 Budget

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be discussing the 2017 budget on the following dates:

- Friday February 3, 2017 and
- Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Tariff of Fees

And further take notice that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

Michael Rutter, CAO/County Clerk
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 223
Fax: (705) 286-4829
e-mail: mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Haliburton County Tourism Committee is seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee who has an interest in the County Tourism industry.

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Tourism Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than **Friday, February 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

Michael Rutter, County CAO/Clerk
County of Haliburton,
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399,
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
705-286-4829 fax
mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca



Bowling Scores

Red Wolves OSO Bowling Scores for Dec. 7

1. Skylar Pratt 183
2. Andrea Austin 168
3. Kim Buie 143
4. Emily Boccitto 138
5. Sarah Hudson 135
6. Russell Whetstone 134

Monday Jan. 9/17

Men

High average Claude Cote 213
High single Gerald Taylor 231
High single handicap 317
High Triple Robert Terro 587
High triple handicap Gerald Taylor 730

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 184
High single Chris Cote 235
High single handicap Chris Cote 270
High triple Chris Cote 671
High triple handicap Chris Cote 776

Friday Jan. 13

Men

High average Claude Cote 198

High single John Whitty 224
High single handicap John Whitty 272
High triple John Whitty 584
High triple handicap John Whitty 722
Ladies
High average Chris Cote 184
high single Dianne Cullen 290
High single handicap Dianne Cullen 335
High triple Dianne Cullen 617
High triple handicap Dianne Cullen 752

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Jan. 10

Men

High Average Ken Thompson 209
High Single Ken Thompson 263
High Single H/C Ken Thompson 278
High Triple Ken Thompson 766
High Triple H/C Ken Thompson 811

Women

High Average Chris Cote 194
High Single Chris Cote 310
High Single H/C Chris Cote 338
High Triple Chris Cote 742
High Triple H/C Chris cote 826

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scores. The afternoon's low went to Pam Pappas while Lyn Preston was the draw winner. Our reporter Pearl Cowen along with Pam Pappas and Pat Bonnel was paid a visit by the skunk.

Jan. 16 Kinnmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinnmount Legion: Top marks went to Vic Ballik 207, Dana Briscoe 169 and Gala Newell 155 with Marjorie Paradis winning the draw. Our

reporter Rose Isaacson reminds that there will not be Big Bucks Bid Euchre this Wednesday, January 18th.

Jan. 16 euchre at Staanworthg Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that Pearl Cowen won for both high hands and the special prize with Albert Foster taking most lone hands and Garth Windsor the prize for low hands.

Notice

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community or know someone who is?

The Township of Minden Hills is currently seeking two (2) community-minded residents to serve on the Committee of Adjustment for the remaining 2014-2018 term of Council. The new members would fill a recent vacancy and broaden the Committee to a five member panel.

Members receive a stipend of \$100.00 for each regular meeting attended and are reimbursed for mileage associated with conducting site visits. Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the last Monday of each month and typically last 2 hours but may extend longer.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT?

The Committee of Adjustment considers applications for minor variances from the Township's Zoning By-law as set out in the Planning Act. A minor variance may allow property owners to use their land in a way which does not comply exactly with the requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body made up of citizen representatives appointed by Council. Decisions made by the Committee of Adjustment may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

AM I QUALIFIED?

It is expected that Committee Members be objective in fulfilling their responsibilities. In advance of meetings Members are expected to conduct site visits (weather and road conditions permitting), and to review the Minutes of Committee Meetings and Planning Reports, which are prepared by Township Staff.

Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment is based upon the following criteria; however those who do not meet all the qualifications are still strongly encouraged to apply:

- Resident or property owner in the Township of Minden Hills;
- Presence and longevity in the community;
- Demonstrated background and knowledge related to the function of the Committee of Adjustment;
- Knowledge and understanding of the land use planning process including minor variance;
- Be objective, possess relevant education component or equivalent experience and have strong analytical skills in order to fully consider all information provided;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Reason for wanting to serve on the Committee;
- Be available and able to conduct site inspections on subject properties;
- Be organized, available and committed to attend all Committee meetings; and
- Ability to commit the time for servicing on the Committee

In addition to the above qualifications, consideration will be given to the composition as a whole in an effort to balance:

- rural, urban and lakeshore interest;
- age, gender and ethnicity;
- experience and new membership;

Successful applicants will be provided with orientation and are eligible for learning opportunities.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a copy of their resume and a cover letter to

Clerk's Department
Committee of Adjustment Member
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359 - 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON., K0M 2K0
or by e-mail to:
sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Applications must be received by January 26, 2017.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Clerk, Dawn Newhook, Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 (705) 286-1260 ext. 205.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For further information regarding the recruitment process, or on the role and responsibility of Committee Members, contact Ian Clendening, Planner & Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment, at 705-286-1260 x206 or e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

Internal & External Posting - Employment Opportunity

The Roads Department is seeking a

Full Time Equipment Operator

Reporting to the Road Superintendent, the Equipment Operator provides a variety of construction activities, snow/ice removal, maintenance and repair services to roads, bridges, culverts, drainage and other road works maintenance for the Roads Department under the supervision of the Road Superintendent or designate(s).

This is a full time position.

The position is based on a forty-two (42) hour work week, with hours subject to change seasonally. The current rate of pay is \$23.49/hour as per the LOCAL 4286 Collective Agreement – Schedule "A". Earnings will be subject to Union dues.

Qualifications:

You have a thorough knowledge of vehicles, equipment and materials used in road maintenance and road maintenance operations. You have demonstrated good communication, interpersonal and customer service skills to exchange information or explain basic situations using courtesy and tact. Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision.

The successful candidate will have a minimum of Grade 12, a minimum of two (2) years' experience operating at least two (2) of the following: backhoe, loader, tandem axle truck, single axle truck and a minimum of two (2) years' experience operating a grader, or willingness to complete the required training. Possession of a minimum class D'Z' Endorsement Driver's License is required. Preference will be given to those candidates whose experience includes the tandem axle truck.

TJ Mahoney Road School coursework certificates, Surface Miner training (or willingness to obtain), is preferred. Chainsaw training, certification in the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7 and First Aid & CPR/AED are assets.

The position requires the operation of equipment and undertaking of construction and maintenance projects in extreme weather conditions as well as moderate to heavy physical demands related to manual labour with regular exposure to dirt, dust, oil, grease, noise, vibration, weather conditions, hazardous materials and chemicals.

Upon final selection, the successful applicant may be required to provide, at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate police force as well as a clean Driver's Abstract.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a resume of education and experience by **12:00 noon Thursday February 2, 2017** to sprentice@mindenhills.ca or by mail or in person to:

Employment Opportunity – Full Time Equipment Operator
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden ON
K0M 2K0

Attention: Travis Wilson, C Tech., Road Superintendent

Detailed position descriptions can be obtained by contacting the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

Persons with a disability preventing them from applying on-line should contact the undersigned to discuss alternative solutions.

*We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.*

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Monday, February 22, 1988

Olympic fun



Jeremy Huffman flashes an Olympic-sized grin during competition Wednesday morning at Wilberforce Public School. The entire student body was involved in a week and a half long celebration of the Olympic spirit. For more photographs of the fun and games see page 19.

Balloons will be flying

The sound of snowmobiles and a colourful trail of helium filled balloons will be seen this coming weekend in the Highlands as the Scenic Highway 35 Association presents their annual Snowmobile Balloon Run.

This is the third year for the balloon run, a fun event that enables participants to win prizes from area merchants. The total prize pool is estimated at over \$3000. The cost to take part is \$3.

Participants receive a list of participating business upon registering, the object is to visit as many of the merchants along the Scenic Highway 35 corridor as possible before 5 p.m. on Saturday. At each stop the snowmobile rider will receive a helium filled balloon inside which is a note indicating the prize. The rider collects as many balloons as he or she wishes during the day, however the prizes contained in the balloons are not his to claim until he withdraws from the event. At that time, in the presence of one of the participating merchants, he breaks the balloons to discover the prizes he has won. The challenge lies in transporting the balloons from stop to stop along the route without breaking them.

The event will be using groomed Haliburton County Snowmobile Association trails and registration in the balloon run will provide non-members access to those trails along Highway 35.

The balloon run will be capped by a dance Saturday evening at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on Northshore Road. Music will be provided by the Porcupine Lumber Company. Admission for this licenced event is \$7.

For more information on the February 27 Scenic Highway 35 Association's annual Balloon Run, contact any member of the association, or call the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.



Snowmobile enthusiasts from throughout Ontario and beyond converged on Haliburton this past weekend for the first annual Yamafest. The weekend of activities included a dance, featuring Blue Rodeo, a host of snowmobile activities Saturday and Sunday, a pancake breakfast and the Royal Canadian Legion International Dart Tournament. For more photographs of the weekend's activities, please turn to page 14.

Up to 220 tons of garbage generated each day

County plans waste study

An effective long-term approach to the management of the tons of household garbage generated in Haliburton County each day will result if the municipalities endorse a proposal from the county's Environment Committee.

Committee chairman William Howe urged members of county council to seek support from their municipal counterparts for a county-wide waste management study. Introducing the proposal at last Wednesday's county council meeting, Howe said it is vital that every municipality supports the action or it could all fall apart.

When the county struck its committees for 1988, it pledged to give the issue of waste management a very

high profile for the year. Steering committee chairman Murray Fearrey called it "the issue" for 1988. This move to initiate a county-wide study is the first step in addressing a very serious situation.

Presently, waste management is controlled at the municipal level with each municipality maintaining its own landfill sites. However, the committee believes that a county-wide system could be more efficient.

Under the Municipal Act, municipalities have the authority to deal with all aspects of waste management. This is why the unanimous support from all Haliburton Municipalities is necessary to implement a county-wide agreement.

Howe said he is confident the local

municipalities will support the plan. "We have to get together as a county council and forget (municipal) boundaries," he told his fellow county council members. He said his greatest fear is that one municipality will consider its landfill capacities to be good and vote against participation.

This kind of logic might be all right in the short term, but "we have to think beyond tomorrow on this," said Howe. Eventually every municipality has to deal with the limited life spans of their landfill sites. And with growing public awareness of environmental concerns, efforts to establish new sites are costly and time consuming.

Howe provided some surprising information to illustrate how quickly these landfill sites can be filled. He said

the average person generates two kilograms of garbage each day. With a population of 11,000 people in the Highlands, that amounts to 22,000 kg of garbage filling the dumps every day. In addition, the summer population of the Highlands grows to about 100,000 increasing the garbage generated to 200,000 kg or 220 tons, per day.

In many Ontario municipalities, the waste management situation has reached crisis proportions. The process of establishing new landfill sites and meeting environmental approval takes years and costs more than many can afford. In the meantime, the present sites are filling beyond capacity.

A 1983 Masterplan for waste

(more on page 3)

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) MINDEN Site is inviting quotations for providing hairdressing services for the residents of Hyland Crest 2 days a week. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Business Office, or the Haliburton Business Office, or can be faxed and/or emailed to you by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 2249 or email resume to adecarlo@hhhs.ca

Quotations due by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31st, 2017.

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Camp Kandalore

Position: Site Manager **Location:** Camp Kandalore www.kandalore.com

The Role:

The Site Manager is accountable for the overall maintenance and repair of the residential camp facilities and the supervision and management of the facilities staff.

The general duties include:

- Maintain grounds and ensure all buildings are in good repair. Identify and facilitate repairs where necessary
- Perform routine site checks and document deficiencies
- Prioritize daily repair schedule and complete repairs
- Maintain and regularly test the drinking water system as required
- Monitor the septic system and ensure it is maintained at all times
- Monitor and maintain the security of all buildings as well as the site
- Prepare the site for rental groups during the off-season

Experience and Qualifications

- A competent understanding of building construction, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing and septic systems
- Capable of training, supervising and support of facility staff
- A basic understanding of the Ontario Building Code
- An aptitude for the operation and maintenance of camp machinery, vehicles and tools
- General knowledge of landscaping
- Working knowledge of the drinking water treatment system. A current certification as a Small Seasonal Drinking Water Systems Operator is preferred.
- Fit to work in a rigorous and physically demanding work environment
- Valid driver's license
- Current police reference check

The deadline for this posting is February 28, 2017

Camp Kandalore offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Colin Leonard – Director – colin@kandalore.com

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation (operating Parklane and Echo Hills Apartments)

Has an employment opportunity for a
Full-Time Administrative Assistant

To assist the Housing Manager with day-to-day operations

The successful candidate will:

- Be willing to be part of a small team of dedicated professionals
- Be able to work independently, without supervision, when necessary;
- Have sound judgement when working with vulnerable individuals;
- Possess good verbal and written communication skills, and good listening skills;
- Have at least 2 years bookkeeping experience or demonstrate the capacity to be trained and have experience in budget procedures;
- Show proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel;
- Be able to learn job-specific software applications;
- Be required to work at least one evening per month;
- Possess a valid driver's licence and use of a vehicle;
- Obtain a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check.

Relevant post-secondary education will be an asset.

Resumes, including cover letters, will be received by email at:
hchc@on.aibn.com up to 4 p.m. on February 17, 2017.

A detailed job description will be made available by email upon request.

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation is committed to fair and accessible employment practices. Upon request, disabilities will be accommodated during the interview and assessment process. Haliburton Community Housing Corporation thanks all those who show interest in this position and advises that only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted.

**BIG
NEWS**



Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Association (MBCOA)

Property Maintenance

The MBCOA has an exciting full time opportunity for a self-motivated, customer-oriented individual who has skills and background in a variety of trades.

Located just a few kilometers outside of Haliburton, Ontario, Marcus Beach is a 39-acre site with 19 cottages, four docks and a nature trail (www.marcusbeachcottages.ca) and we need someone to help ensure it stays at its current high level of maintenance. The successful candidate will work with the Property Manager and the Owner Association Board of Directors to maintain this shared cottage ownership property.

The successful candidate would have the following skills and background:

- Handyman interest and skills; the ability to handle minor repairs and maintenance activities
- Proven customer service skills
- Good physical condition and interest in working outdoors for much of the time; sample tasks include lawn-mowing, tree-trimming and ice rink maintenance
- Ability to work cooperatively with local contractors and service firms
- Experience with the use of most power and hand tools
- Ability to work independently for long periods of time, while working under the guidance and priority-setting of the Property Manager and Board
- Ability to plan preventive maintenance programs and recommend optimal approaches for maintenance and operations

Ideal candidates would also have:

- A small truck, SUV or similar vehicle that would be available for specific maintenance activities such as handling recycling materials or trash
- A smart phone with both a cell and data plan for emergency contact and remote cottage monitoring
- A Small Drinking Water certificate for Ontario
- Experience at a resort or timeshare property with property management

The expectations will be for a 40-hour week with some on-call work when an emergency response is required. The salary will be set based on the successful applicant's skills and experience but is expected to be in the \$20/hour range.

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Fondly remembered by his brother Roger (Margie), niece Sarah and nephew Andrew.

Paul was a Chartered Accountant and was Long-time Partner of Soberman LLP, Past President of SIC Eldercare Services Inc., Long-term member of the Unionville and Minden Lions Clubs, and spent many enjoyable hours at the bridge table.

A Service to Celebrate Paul's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow at the Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Rd., #21, Haliburton. Cremation has taken place.

The family has extreme allergies. Please be scent free. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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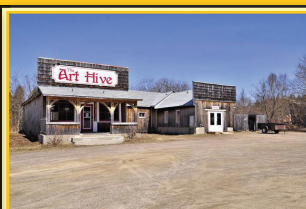
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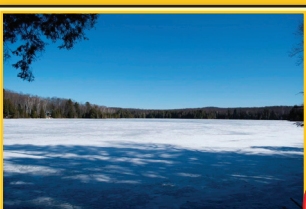
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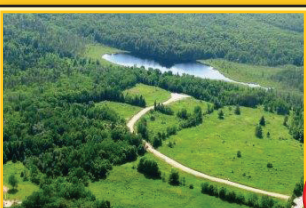
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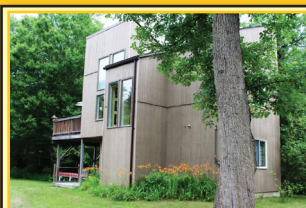
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